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Communications From National Officers Significant Problems for Consideration by the Fraternity as a Whole

By William S. Gray, National President

THE recommendation has been made repeatedly of late that the Fraternity as a whole engage from time to time in the discussion and solution of significant educational problems. In order to secure a list of problems for consideration in this connection I wrote to each of the national officers and to the district deputies for recommendations. The district deputies were advised to write to the local chapters in their respective districts for suggestions concerning significant problems. These suggestions were summarized by the district deputies and final reports were submitted to me. I am taking this opportunity to describe to the members of the Fraternity the most frequently mentioned problems. Plans are already under way to have some of these problems discussed in the columns of the Phi Delta Kappan during the next year.

The problem which was most frequently and most vigorously discussed may be appropriately entitled, "Recruiting Men for the Teaching Profession." A wide-awake, enthusiastic chapter expressed itself as follows: "We believe that one of the biggest problems of Phi Delta Kappa is to interest the undergraduates of our universities and colleges in edu-

cation as a career. We believe the Fraternity should organize a campaign to this end and we suggest the following procedure. First, an arrangement with two or three leading educators to visit institutions where Phi Delta Kappa has chapters for a series of public lectures and conferences. Second, the appointment of each chapter as a committee to make arrangements, advertise speakers and assist in every possible way. We believe such a campaign will not only forward the cause of education but will be a direct means of strengthening the several chapters."

A district deputy made the following suggestions: "Would it be possible to enlist our members in a concerted drive to recruit the ranks of teaching? It would be difficult to estimate the effect on the development of education as a profession ten years hence if every member of Phi Delta Kappa became a recruiting officer. The members of no other profession have such a promising opportunity to discover talented young men and women and to direct them into a particular field of work. Members in the field can advise students to go to college for the purpose of preparing for teaching. Members in residence at col-

leges and universities can do more than is done at present to correct the false and biased notions of many students about the character of courses in the field of education."

A second problem which was frequently recommended for consideration relates to Service in Education: "Would it not be stimulating to the growth of professional interest and enthusiasm among all members, if the Phi Delta Kappan during the next scholastic year would print articles on Service, similar to those on Leadership which have been so valuable during the current year?"

A third problem referred to methods of keeping field members and local chapters in active co-operation: "How can field members participate in the activities of their mother chapters? Active members have the problem of keeping the chapter moving as an organization. They hold frequent meetings and social affairs, and are knit together by personal bonds that make it possible for anyone in university life to forget for the time being the isolation of life in the field. On the other hand, the college man is out of touch with the active practical side of the profession to so great an extent that he needs a laboratory in which to work. This laboratory could be furnished by the brothers who are in charge of schools or school systems, and some plan might be worked out for co-operation on a large basis. The field member needs the stimulus of the local

chapter, and the active member needs the co-operation of the field member. How can active relationships between these two groups of members be established and maintained?"

A number of specific problems were recommended, of which the following are typical:

Public School Finance

The Rural School Problem

Principles underlying American Public Education

The Ethics of an Educator

The Basis and Procedure in Selecting Administrator

Methods of making the School Plant Pay Fuller Dividends to the Community

Norms of Achievement in School Subjects and in Mental and Physical Traits

Methods of Interesting the Community in Its Schools.

All of these problems are worthy of very careful consideration by the Fraternity as a whole. Some of them were outlined in great detail. These outlines will prove of very great help when the problems are discussed at length.

It is planned at the present time to make a study during the next few months of methods of recruiting the teaching ranks. The results will be published in the November number of the Phi Delta Kappan.

The Oklahoma Installation

ON Friday evening, May 6, in the first Baptist Church of Norman, Oklahoma, twenty-two neophytes took the Phi Delta Kappa pledge and were formally installed as active chapter Alpha-deuteron. Twelve more entitled to charter membership were absent and are to be initiated later. As far as the Fraternity's records disclose Oklahoma bears the distinction of being the first chapter to have among its petitioning group

the president of the institution. President Stratton Duluth Brooks and Dean Warren Waverly Phelan set a worthy example before the student candidates by not asking to be excused from any part of the initiation ceremony.

Doctor Brooks' active interest in the welfare of the school of education was shown by the care with which he worked with Dean Phelan, and the representatives of the national executive commit-

tee to launch the chapter under the most favorable auspices.

District Deputy Carter and the National Secretary were ably assisted in the initiation and installation exercises by the following local Phi Delta Kappans: Prof. Andrew C. Parsons (Zeta), Director of the Training School; Prof. J. W. Shepherd (Mu), Director of Extension; Professors Richard B. Brown (Beta), George F. Miller (Tau), and J. Roy Cable (Gamma), all of the college of liberal arts; and Mr. Gerald S. Tebbe (Pi), who is taking his L. L. B. at O. U. In fact the local brothers took over all the ritualistic work and all had their parts well prepared. This left the two representatives of the National Executive Committee free to attend to the necessary details preceding and incident to the initiation and installation.

Following a few preliminaries, the installing team, a few visiting brothers and the neophytes sat down to a seven course dinner, served by the ladies of the First Baptist Church. No pains had been spared to decorate the room and tables and to prepare every course to the utmost delight of every participant. After faithful attention to the gustatorial program for more than an hour the Toastmaster, Brother Parsons, began calling on those who had been scheduled for speeches, but who meanwhile had become almost too full for utterance. However, none was strong enough to resist the power of Oklahoma enthusiasm and each speaker succeeded in forgetting his waistline fullness for the time and to say something for the good of the order and for the State of Oklahoma.

Those responding to toasts were President Brooks, Dean Phelan, Supt. E. E. Oberholtzer (Zeta) of Tulsa, Brother Gerald S. Tebbe (Pi), Neophytes Ben C. Arnold and Paul N. Campbell, District Deputy Carter and the National Secretary.

Then followed the initiation and the installation, and so rapidly did the time fly that before we realized it the seventh of May had arrived. However, be-

fore adjournment for the evening the group formally organized by electing officers for the remainder of the fiscal year and attending to other initial business.

District Deputy Carter stayed over the following forenoon and gave valuable assistance to the new officers in attending to important details among which were the putting on of the finishing touches to the proposed constitution and by-laws for the new chapter.

An impressive part of the ceremony was the use of Kappa Chapter's large 7-foot triangular emblem in explaining the meaning of Phi Delta Kappa. Kansas has set a good example that each chapter can well afford to emulate in the enrichment of its ritualistic work by the use of this emblem.

Another interesting part of the program which had been purposely left off the published schedule, and had been kept from knowledge of all neophytes but Mr. Paul M. Campbell, was the shower of greetings from the national officers and from other chapters. Immediately after completion of the installation, Brother Campbell pulled out a pocketful of letters and telegrams and read the messages of good wishes from every section of the country. These greetings, cordial as they were, were no less warm than was Alpha-deuteron's appreciation of them. The charter members, initiated, and to be initiated, are:

Stratton Duluth Brooks, Warren Waverly Phelan, Holly Estil Cunningham, Sellers Norwood Bunch, Claude B. Barber, Richard Bowie Knight, Ben C. Arnold, William Frosty Acree, Norman C. Rogers, Ulrich R. Beeson, Edmund Ellis Cowan, Joseph H. Benton, Carl H. Kunssemuller, Paul N. Campbell, James P. Shofner, William F. Schultz, Thomas Harrison Reynolds, James C. Powell, John L. Coffey, Herman T. Price, Thomas H. Beaird, John E. Couture, Howard N. Potts, Arny H. Hammann, T. D. D. Quaid, Ralph H. Records, Elbert O. Davis, H. Roy B. Conner, Girdie Meador,

Edwin C. McReynolds, William B. Ragan, Robert E. McColum, Guy C. Chambers.

Besides those represented in the installing team, local or nearby Phi Delta Kappa men are:

Supt. W. C. Wright, Drumwright; Supt. John Lofty, Miami; Prin. O. E. Seaton, Tulsa; Prin. Thomas Scott, Tulsa; Prin. Merle C. Prunty, Tulsa; Supt. E. E. Oberholtzer, Tulsa; Prin. S. A. Zook, Bartlesville, Supt. H. B. Bruner, Okmulgee; Supt. W. H. Shumate, Salisaw; Supt. J. M. Hackler, Talequah;

Supt. J. R. Barton, Sapulpa, and Supt. E. D. Price, Enid.

Brother Carter and the writer, on behalf of the National Council and the National Executive Committee, wish the greatest measure of success to Alpha-deuteron and to the cause of education in the State of Oklahoma through good influences of this promising Chapter of the southland.

ABEL J. M'ALLISTER,

National Secretary.

A Real National Fraternity

PREVIOUS to the meeting of the 1920 Council there was doubt and pessimism in many quarters as to the continuance of Phi Delta Kappa as a national force in education. The war conditions had severed national ties. Here and there a chapter had become inactive. Other chapters had lost touch with each other and had come to deal with local questions only.

The work of the 1920 Council reached its highest value in the measures which re-established a national spirit. The achievements of that earnest, industrious group of Councilors last summer have been inspiring to every member. Through the National Membership Drive each individual brother has learned of the importance of his own participation in the affairs of the Fraternity as a whole, whether or not he may have kept in touch with local matters. The chapters, too, have renewed their interest in the society as a nation-wide group. While retaining the fullest measure of local autonomy, they have come to realize the benefits arising from their contact with other groups of similar interests. They have unanimously endorsed the plans adopted by the Council.

Dean Gray, by accepting the national presidency, has brought Phi Delta Kappa to a high level of professional influence. The Fraternity has been placed

in the field of education as a dominant force.

By the acceptance by Brother McAllister of the vitally important duties of National Secretary and Editor of the Phi Delta Kappan, the chapters and the members have been kept fully informed of Fraternity events, and have been enabled to contribute to the advancement of the society as a whole.

The Northeast District had its share of depression during the war period. All of the chapters were depleted, and two of them became inactive. Cornell chapter, which suspended operations during the critical time, has splendidly revived and is enthusiastically resuming its activities. New York University, under the leadership of Dean Withers in a reorganized School of Education, will by the fall months have renewed its active membership. Its close association geographically with Columbia chapter will be of mutual benefit.

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Columbia and Harvard chapters maintained their organizations intact during the war period, and in the last year have prospered greatly.

Pennsylvania is doing some missionary work with Temple University of Philadelphia in suggesting the formation of a chapter in the latter institution. Another college in Pennsylvania which

maintains a strong department of education has its application for a charter before the National Executive Committee at the present time.

Harvard has had a hand in the development of a chapter at Dartmouth, and is working for the establishment of another chapter or two in New England.

Columbia chapter has had the best year in its history, with some forty men initiated. Columbia enjoys the distinction of making probably the greatest con-

tribution to other chapters in membership transfers. As the men leave New York upon completing their studies, they scatter to the four corners of the land, bringing to other chapters the influence of a great educational center.

Phi Delta Kappa has become a great national fraternity, of which it is a privilege and an honor to be a member, and which is setting its mark upon educational progress.

CHARLES F. BAUDER,
District Deputy, Northeast District.

Our Opportunity and Responsibility

NEARLY a score of years ago a group of earnest men founded an educational fraternity in a small way, little anticipating the wonderful development which that modest brotherhood was destined to make. Today that fraternity is established in almost every important university in the land. From their meeting rooms our membership can literally look out upon both oceans, and the northernmost and southernmost states in the union can boast of our active chapters. No state or important city but numbers individual members among its educators.

Not only an opportunity but a responsibility is ours because of our connection with this great organization. Phi Delta

Kappa can justify its existence only by making real contributions to the education of our time. From our membership must come the leaders both in research and in educational service. As active and associate members we must realize this responsibility and strive toward its fulfillment. A closer co-operation between the active chapters and the men in the field is essential in bringing about our success in this respect. Can we not plan some means of keeping our relationships closer and more mutually helpful?

CLAYTON R. WISE,
District Deputy, North Central District.

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N. E. A. Des Moines, Iowa

Tuesday, July 5, at 5:45 p. m. in Younker Brothers Tea Room

TICKETS \$1.50

On Sale at Registration Headquarters

Dean William P. Russell will preside as toastmaster, which means there will be something doing every minute. Other prominent Phi Delta Kappans will talk on matters relating to Phi Delta Kappa welfare, especially with view to a unified program of activity for all chapters and field members for the ensuing year.

Remember the Date—July 5. The Hour—5:45 P. M.

And don't forget the place, Younker Brothers Tea Room.

W. Lloyd Peterson, E. E. Lindsay, (Epsilon) Committee.